

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
July 1, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 2:00 p.m., July 1, 2003, at the Maricopa Medical Center, 2601 East Roosevelt, Main Lobby, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman; Don Stapley, Max W. Wilson, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Absent: Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman. Also present: Norma Risch, Deputy Clerk of the Board; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Louis Gorman, Deputy County Attorney.

PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL SIGNING OF HOUSE BILL 2530, SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BILL

Mark Hillard, CEO of Maricopa Integrated Health System, opened the ceremony expressing his joy for the passing of House Bill 2530, which allows for the creation of a Health Care District for continuing hospital, trauma, emergency and Arizona Burn Center services in Maricopa County to go for a vote of the people at the November 4, 2003 election. Mr. Hillard introduced key members of the Legislature who were instrumental in the passage of the bill, the Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, and the Citizen's Task Force on County Health Care System.

Chairman Brock stated this will formally kick-off the campaign for the future of healthcare in Maricopa County and thanked the many participants that helped moved this project forward. Chairman Brock announced that Jason Schechterle would be the Chairman of the campaign. The people will have a chance to vote to keep the burn center open and maintain the facility for emergency and trauma care. The facility has a nationally renowned physician training program and is a centerpiece for health care systems in Arizona. Health care in Maricopa County is a high priority for this year and the years to come.

Chairman Brock introduced Governor Janet Napolitano.

The Governor remarked that she was glad to be able to sign House Bill 2530, and thanked the sponsors of the bill. She stated that with House Bill 2530 the health care of all Arizona citizens, not just Maricopa County, would be provided. The hospital is the 5th largest in the United States, home to the only burn center in Arizona, and has approximately 3,600 patients a year. The Governor proceeded to sign House Bill 2530.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

Norma Risch, Deputy Clerk of the Board